

# John P. Collins, Jr.

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## Academic Appointments

### George Washington University Law School

2020 - Present

Associate Professor (July 2023 – Present)

Visiting Associate Professor (July 2020 – June 2023)

**Courses:** Fundamentals of Lawyering I & II

**Service:** Faculty Advisor, Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court (July 2023 – present);  
Faculty Advisor, Robert H. Jackson Inn of Court (July 2020 – June 2023)  
Member, Clerkship & Judicial Engagement Committee (2022 – present)  
Member, Student Wellness Committee (2022 – present)

**Grants:** Summer 2021 Research Grant recipient

### Fordham Law School

2019 - 2020

Adjunct Professor

## Education

### Fordham Law School

2013

J.D., *cum laude*

Fordham Urban Law Journal, Notes & Articles Editor, Vol. XL; Staff Editor, Vol. XXXIX

Dean's List, 2011–13 (top 10% of class in each of second and third years)

Ruth Whitehead Whaley Scholar (top 25% of class after second year)

Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award (250+ hours of public service)

### Stonehill College

2007

B.A., Political Science

## Research Interests

Judicial administration and reform, judicial appointments, civil procedure, federal courts

## Publications

### Articles

#### **Judging Biden**

75 SMU L. REV. FORUM 150 (Feb. 2022)

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#### **Has All Heck Broken Loose? Examining Heck’s Favorable-Termination Requirement in the Second Circuit after *Poventud v. City of New York***

42 FORDHAM URB. L. J. 451 (Dec. 2014)

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### Works in Progress

#### **Rethinking the National Court of Appeals** (drafting in progress)

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#### **The Confirmation Death Spiral** (drafting in progress)

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#### **Breaking the Ginsburg Rules** (research in progress)

## Presentations and Media Appearances

### Presentations

#### **Rethinking the National Court of Appeals**

Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond School of Law  
Richmond, VA (May 23, 2023)

### Selected News Articles

#### **Senate Confirms Bradley N. Garcia to Appeals Court in DC**

Roll Call, May 15, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

#### **Biden Circuit Nominee Remains in Limbo as Feinstein Returns**

Bloomberg Law, May 11, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

#### **Wave of Federal Judges Ditch Bench for Lucrative Big Law Jobs**

Bloomberg Law, Mar. 16, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

#### **Biden Judge Pick Who Failed Spot Quiz Attracts GOP Criticism**

Bloomberg Law, Feb. 1, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

**Biden Nominee Failed Senator’s Constitutional Pop Quiz. Here’s What Ex-Judges Had to Say**

The National Law Journal, Jan. 31, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

**Democrats Renew Push to Confirm Biden’s Pick for Federal Courts**

Roll Call, Jan. 23, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

**Joe Biden has a Chance to Rebalance America’s Judiciary**

The Economist, Nov. 24, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**Schumer Said to Prioritize Judges When Lame Duck Begins**

Bloomberg Law, Nov. 10, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**Federal Judge Lee, Former Barrington Resident, Appointed to Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals**

The Chicago Tribune, Sept. 22, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**In Departure from Trump Era Nominations, Biden Relies Less on Feeder Judges**

The National Law Journal, Aug. 17, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**Progressive Groups Say Democrats Need to Move Faster on Judicial Nominees**

The National Law Journal, July 8, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**Midterms Pressure Biden, Senate on Circuit Court Appointments**

Bloomberg Law, June 29, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**Ninth Circuit Judge Urges Biden, Nevada Senators to Pick State AG’s Wife as Successor**

Reuters, Apr. 14, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**More Diverse Appointments Are Set to Reshape America’s Judiciary**

The Economist, Jan. 15, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**Fifth Circuit Judge Gregg Costa to Resign, Creating Second Vacancy for Biden**

The National Law Journal, Jan. 13, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**Biden’s Flurry of Nominations Will Bring Generations of Diversity to Federal Courts**

The Los Angeles Times, Dec. 22, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

**In One Year, Joe Biden Has Confirmed More Lifetime Judges than Decades of Presidents**

HuffPost, Dec. 21, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

**Federal Courts Aren't Royal Ones**

The Wall Street Journal, Dec. 8, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

**Pooler and Cabranes to Take Senior Status, Opening Two Seats on Second Circuit Bench**

The New York Law Journal, Oct. 7, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

**Biden Takes Time Weighing Next Pick for D.C. Circuit**

Bloomberg Law, Sept. 2, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

**Are Judicial Picks with Defender Past Unfairly Criticized? Yes, and It's Not New, Experts Say**

The New York Law Journal, July 16, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

**Video Interviews**

**Biden Looks to Keep Up Brisk Pace Filling U.S. Courts**

Reuters, Feb. 2, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**Podcasts**

**Judicial Nominations and Confirmations with Professor John P. Collins**

NYU J. of Leg. & Pub. Pol'y

LawsFlaws Podcast, Mar. 18, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

**Experience**

**Sullivan & Cromwell LLP**

2014 – 2019

Litigation Group, New York, NY

*Associate*

**U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York**

2013 – 2014

Chambers of Judge Andrew J. Peck

*Law Clerk*

**U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York**

Fall 2012

Criminal Division

*Intern*

**U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York**

Summer 2012

Chambers of Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska

Spring 2012

*Intern*

**Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast**

Summer 2011

Chambers of Lord Chief Justice Declan Morgan

*Intern*

**Bar Admissions**

Southern District of New York

2014

Eastern District of New York

2014

New York (active)

2014

**Personal**

Before law school, I umpired professionally in Minor League Baseball's Gulf Coast and New York-Penn Leagues. I like running, golfing, cooking (with an emphasis on smoking and baking), and watching British crime dramas. I am a life-long New York Mets fan.